

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 4, 5, 8-10, 14, and 18 are pending in this application, with Claims 4, 14, and 18 being independent. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendment, Applicant submits that all pending claims have been allowed and the present application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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